



## Minutes of March 5, 2016 Council Meeting

Location: O'Loughlin's Restaurant  
1258 Bay Dale Drive  
Arnold, Maryland

Attendees: All Council elected officers and appointees were in attendance, with the exception of Jack Fringer. All chapters were represented by their presidents, with the exceptions of Fort Meade (represented by Jim Shiffrin), Susquehanna (represented by Dick Gilligan), Southern Maryland (represented by Greg Dalke), and Upper Potomac (represented by Hugh McIlroy).

The meeting was called to order at 1150 by Council President Andy Fallon. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chaplain Jim Campbell offered an invocation and Grace. The meeting then proceeded, following the agenda, attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

The Minutes of the December 5, 2015 meeting were approved

MOAA National plans for "Storming the Hill" in April were briefed. Contacts with the legislators' offices for appointments are in progress. The Council will be represented by Andy Fallon and Harvey Kaplan. Lodging expenses for the First Vice President are to be covered by the Council, as has been our practice in past years.

Participation in the AARP Veteran's Legislative Day on March 31<sup>st</sup> was encouraged, as this will provide the Council with an opportunity to "storm the General Assembly" on our state issues of concern.

Harvey Kaplan briefed on the status of legislation pending before the General Assembly during the current session. Council members were encouraged to support the Maryland Retired Veterans Task Force by attending the hearing on SB660 on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurer Dalke provided his report, with the spreadsheet attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof. It was noted that, per the By-Laws, the chapter contributions of \$1.00 per member is to be determined based on each

chapter's roster as of 31 December for each budget year. There was 100% chapter budget support to the Council in 2015.

TOPS Liaison Dittbrenner provided his report, which is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

Spouses and Surviving Spouses Liaison Naomi Kaplan commented briefly on information that she has previously provided to the chapter presidents. She asked to be provided any additional information that may be of use/interest to spouses that might come to the attention of chapters.

The 2016/2017 meeting calendar was discussed. The June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting date was affirmed and the venue will again be O'Loughlin's. The date of the Council meeting during the MOAA Annual Meeting period will be affirmed later. The winter meeting will be deferred to January 7<sup>th</sup>, venue to be determined, to accommodate the installation of officers. A spring meeting date will be affirmed at a later Council meeting.

#### Old Business

The Guard Unit of the Year will be 175<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron. A budget authorization for the trophy and plaque preps was unanimously approved NTE \$100.

Council President Andy Fallon presented the 2014 Col Marvin J. Harris Communications Award to Star Spangled Chapter President Tom Seybold.

#### New Business

Council participation in the AARP Veterans Legacy Day event was further discussed. Mike Rhoden, Jim Shiffrin, and Dave Peterson volunteered to lead "storming teams" Leave-behind materials will be developed and provided.

The Congressional Luncheon was discussed. The date of Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, was approved by the Council, to be affirmed by MOAA HQ. Various venues were discussed, with a decision deferred to a later meeting.

In general discussion, Tom Seybold recommended, and the council president accepted, an action item to pursue with National MOAA the placing of a "welcome to join a chapter" by zip code in the blank post cards that accompany the Military Officer magazine when legislative action alerts are included.

The meeting concluded with the usual activity reports by all the chapters present.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1455.

Respectfully submitted,

Captain David H. Peterson, NOAA (Ret)  
Secretary